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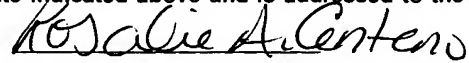
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In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

- 1) DE 197 03 646
- 2) US 6,029,371
- 3) US 5,940,985
- 4) US 6,045,621
- 5) EP 0 793 259
- 6) DE 195 49 490

Reference 1 is discussed in the instant specification for this application on page 1.

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References 2 – 5 are all in the English language and therefore need no further discussion as to their relevance. In accordance with United States Patent and Trademark practice, it is no longer necessary to enclose copies of U.S. Patents.

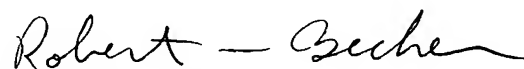
Reference 6, discloses an installation that has a container holding the treatment fluid into which a holder for the substrate plates is lowered. Continuous lifting in and out of the substrate plate holder and the substrate plates relative to the treatment fluid is obtained via a lifting device with one transport carriage for the substrate plates and a second transport carriage for the holder. The transport carriages for the substrate plates and the holder are coupled together via a linkage and displaced relative to a vertical guide rail, with the lifting drive acting on the first transport carriage.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith (with the exception of any US patent references) along with the form PTO-1449.

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Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

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